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(54) **MODULAR RESISTIVITY SENSOR FOR DOWNHOLE MEASUREMENT WHILE DRILLING**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A modular resistivity sensor disposable in a drillstring having a drill bit on a distal end for drilling a wellbore in a formation, includes a sensor body having a longitudinal axis radially offset from a longitudinal axis of the drillstring, one or more transmitting coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body, one or more receiving coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body, and a calibrating device configured to calibrate signals generated from the receiving coil antennas.

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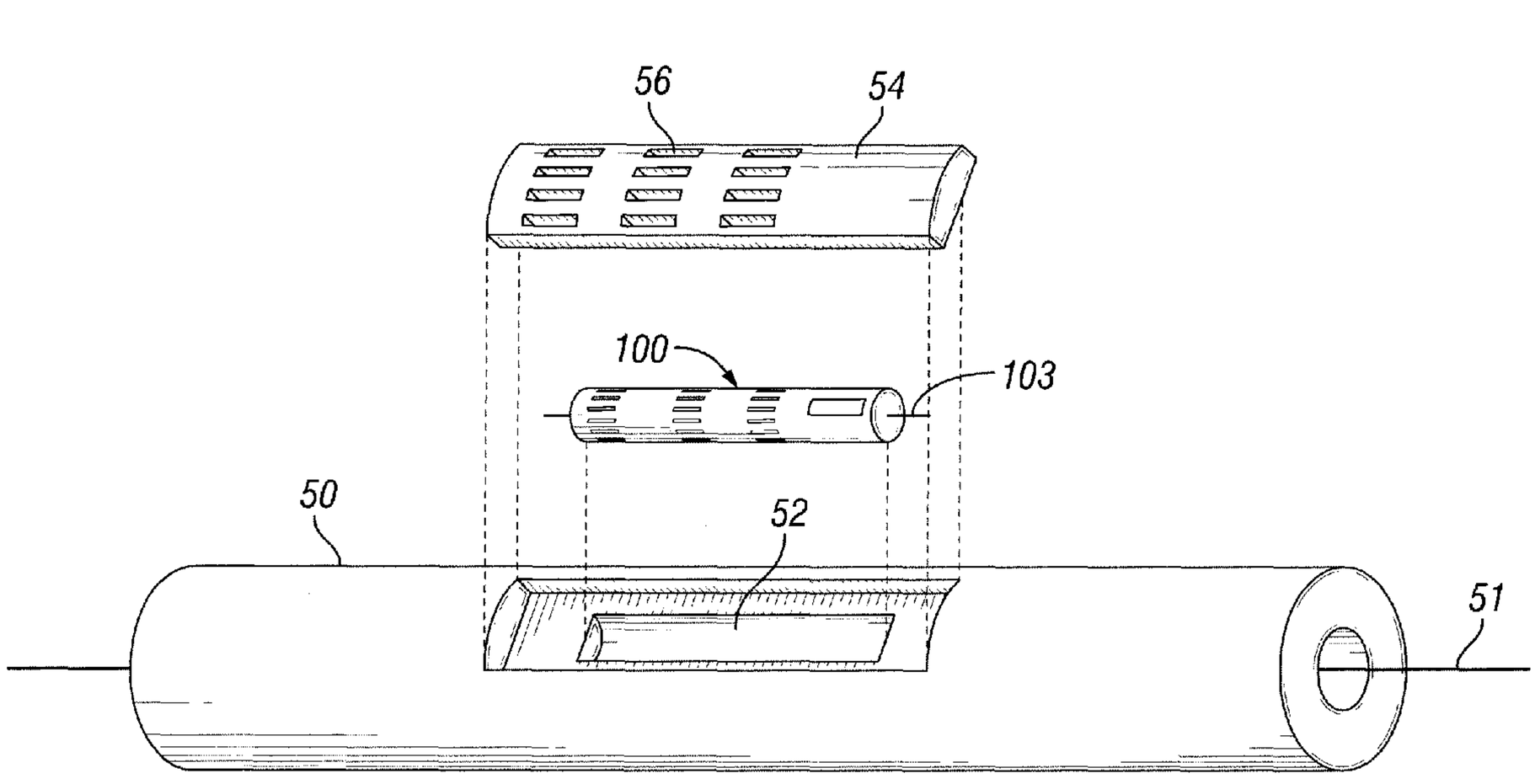

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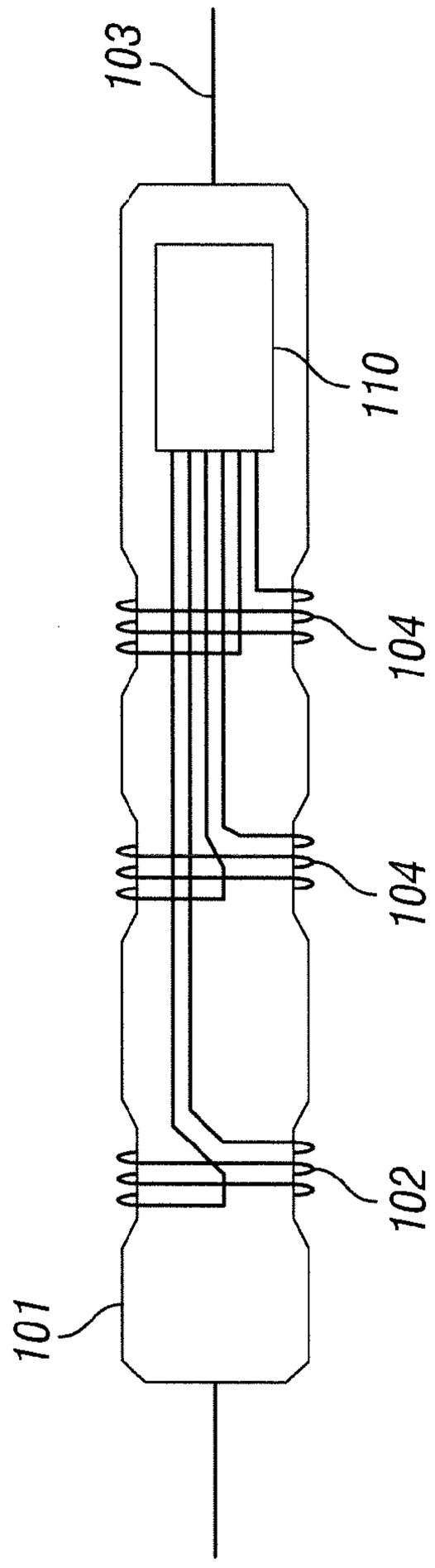

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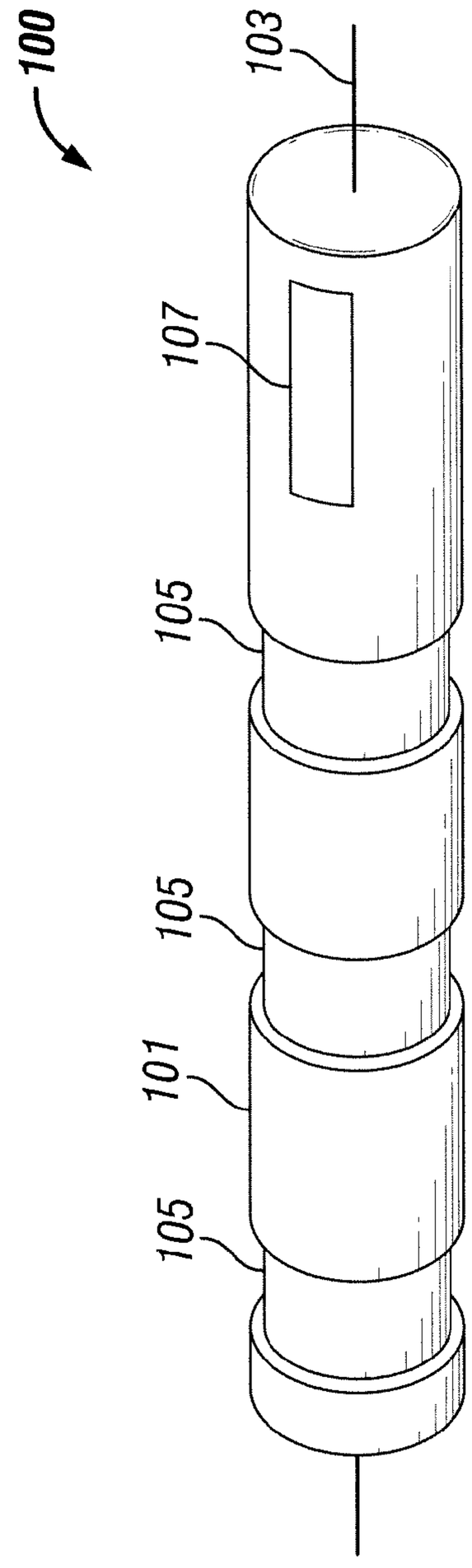

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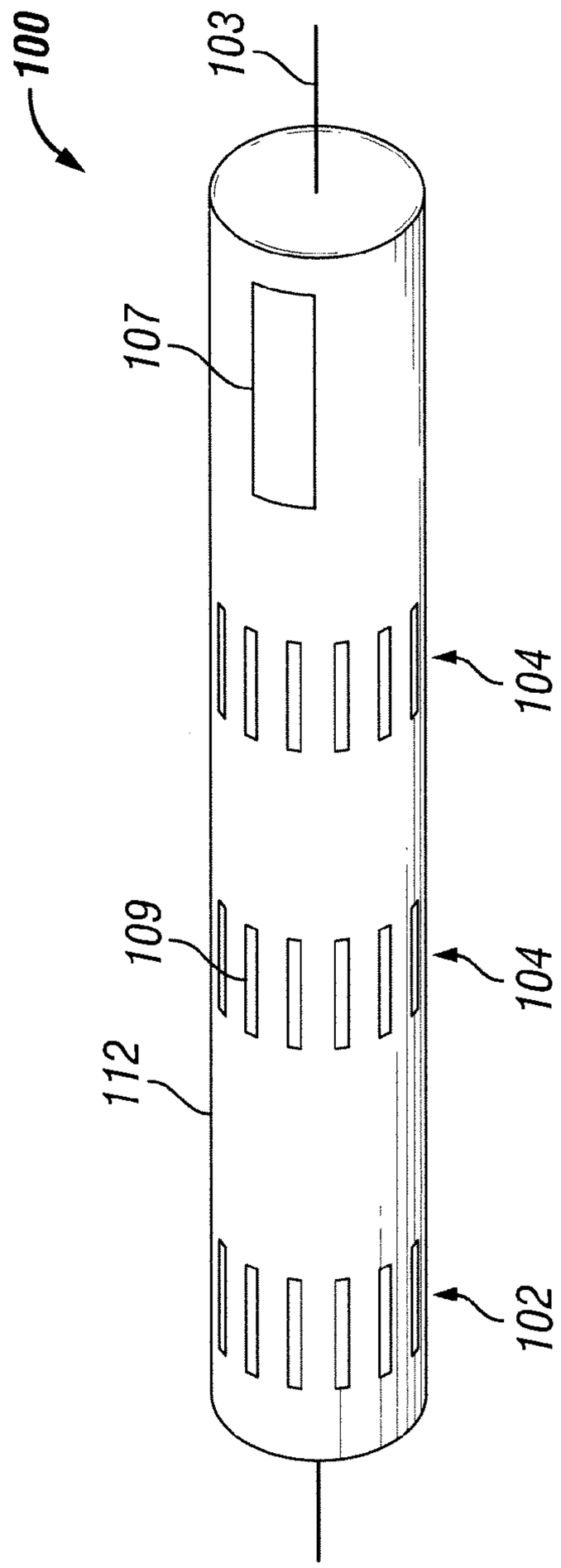

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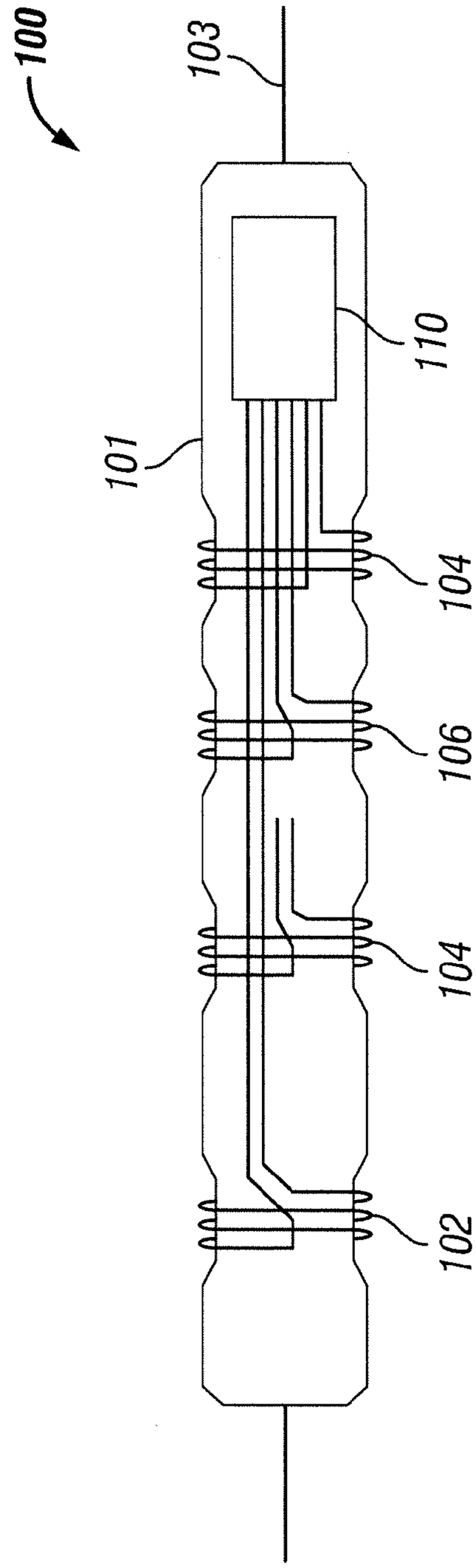

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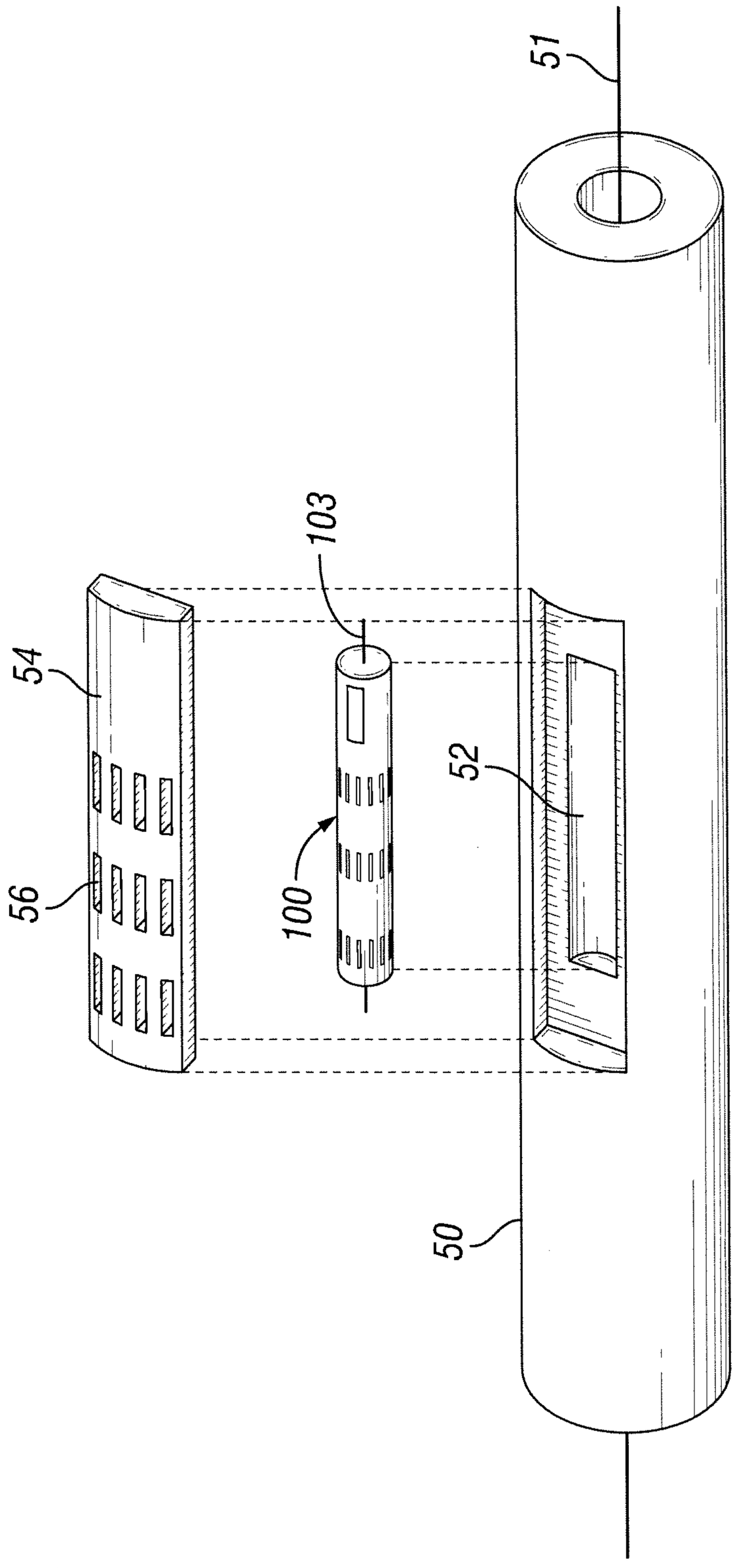

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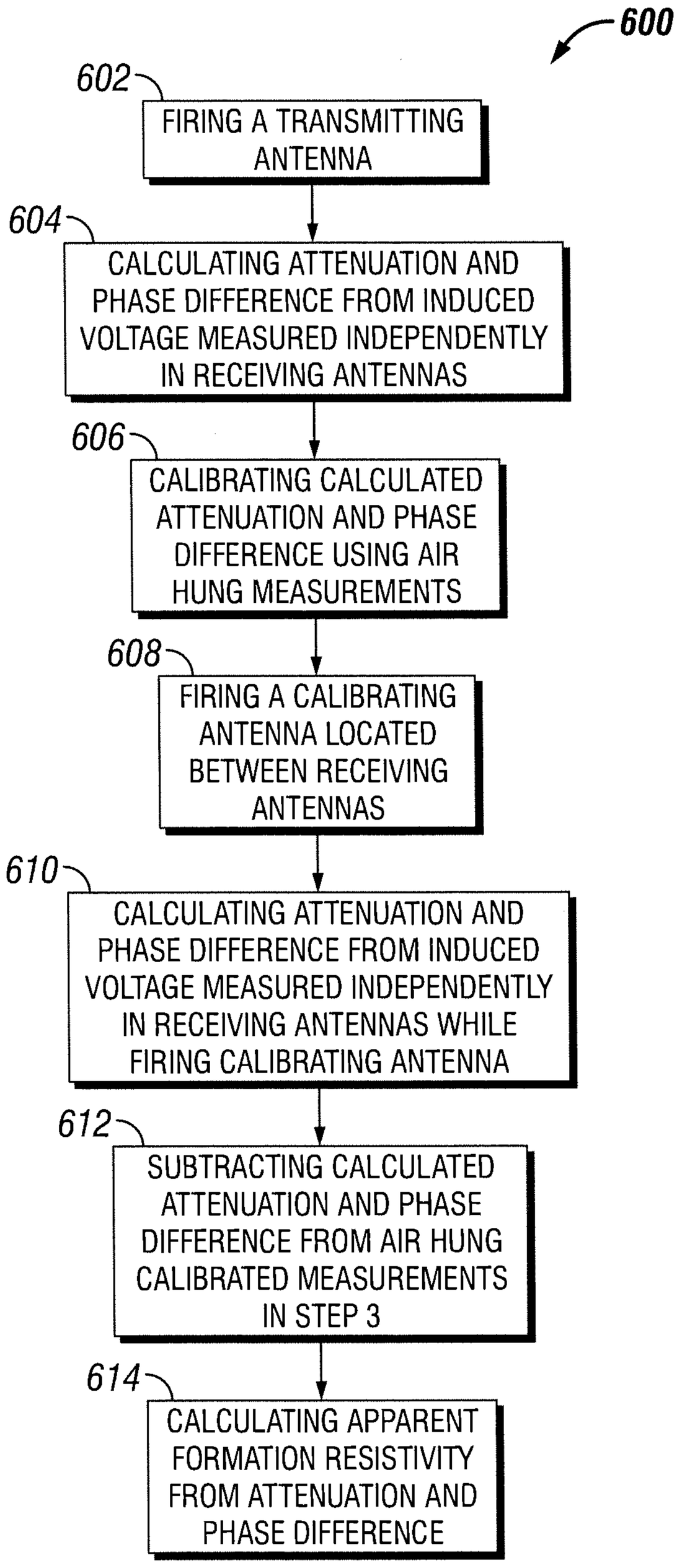
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606
CALIBRATING CALCULATED ATTENUATION AND PHASE DIFFERENCE USING AIR HUNG MEASUREMENTS
608
FIRING A CALIBRATING ANTENNA LOCATED BETWEEN RECEIVING ANTENNAS
610
CALCULATING ATTENUATION AND PHASE DIFFERENCE FROM INDUCED VOLTAGE MEASURED INDEPENDENTLY IN RECEIVING ANTENNAS WHILE FIRING CALIBRATING ANTENNA
612
SUBTRACTING CALCULATED ATTENUATION AND PHASE DIFFERENCE FROM AIR HUNG CALIBRATED MEASUREMENTS IN STEP 3
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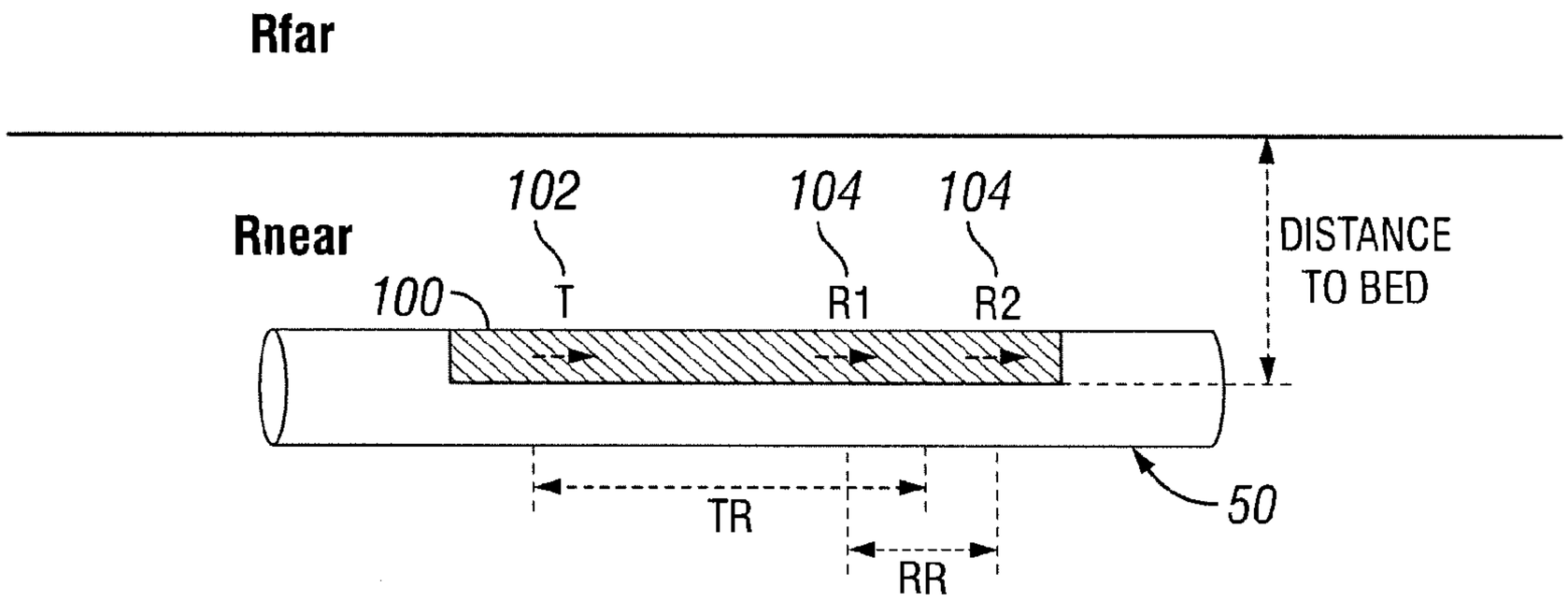
CALCULATING APPARENT FORMATION RESISTIVITY FROM ATTENUATION AND PHASE DIFFERENCE

FIG. 6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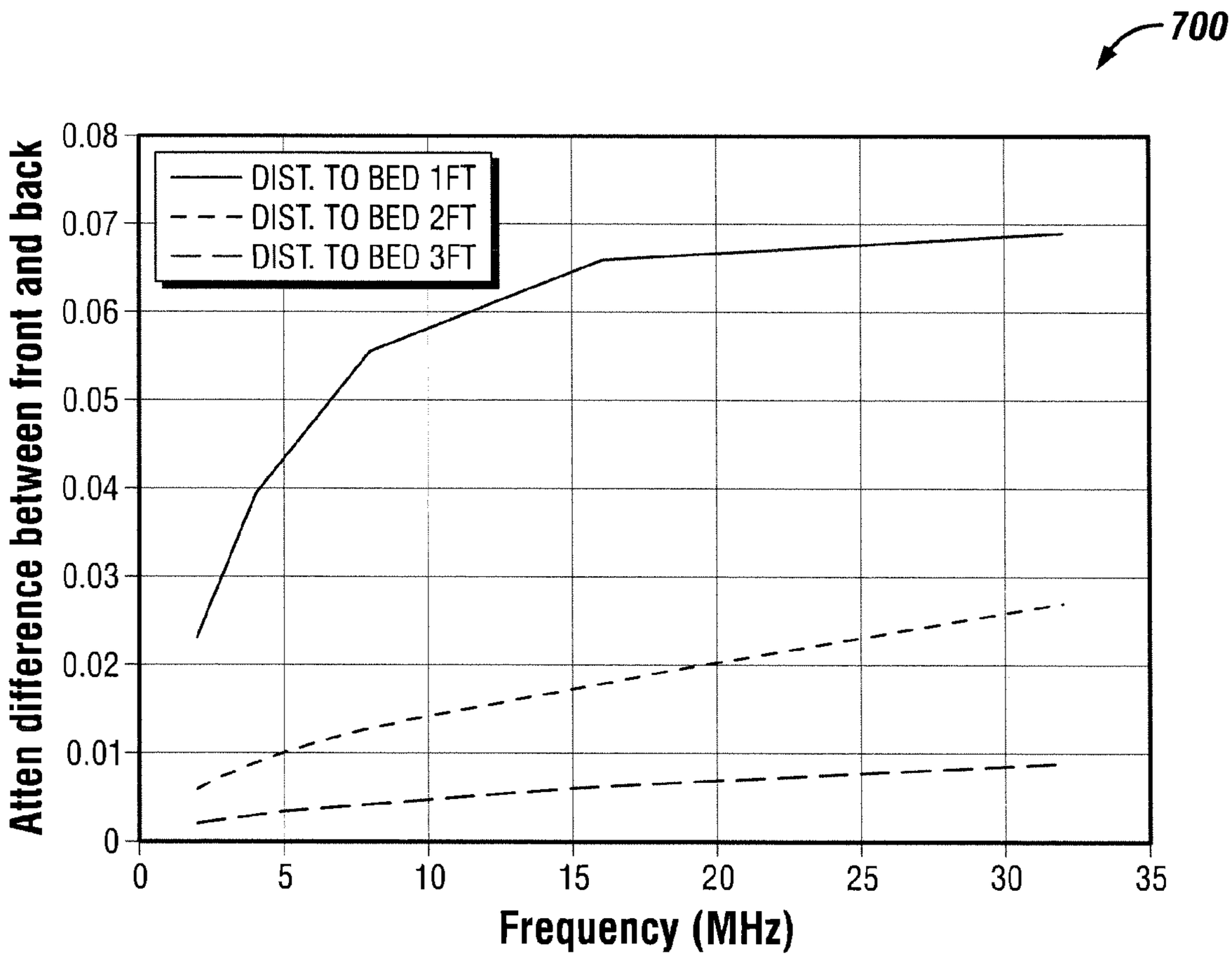
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FIG. 8

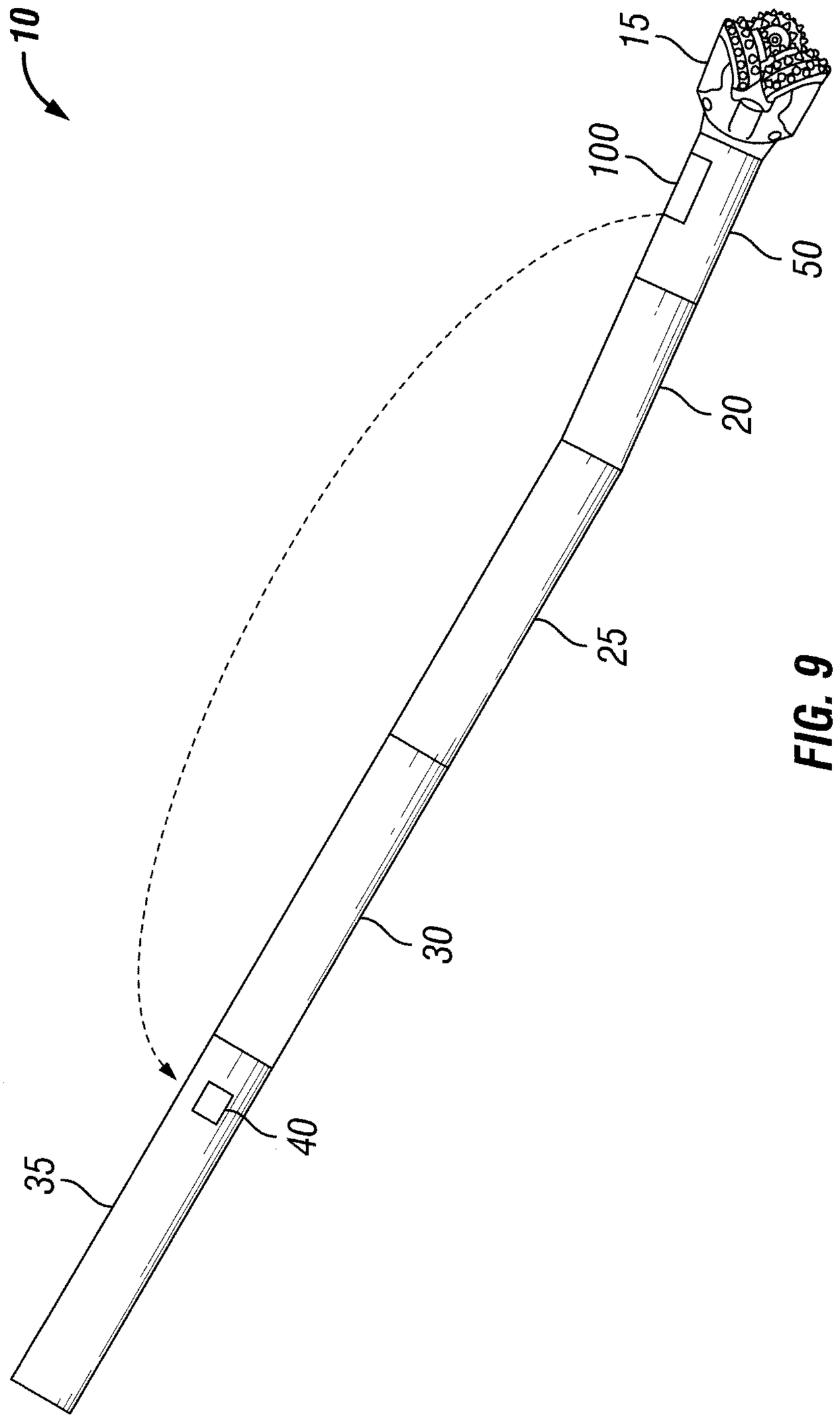

FIG. 9

MODULAR RESISTIVITY SENSOR FOR DOWNHOLE MEASUREMENT WHILE DRILLING

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/836,577 filed Jun. 18, 2013, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

FIELD

Embodiments disclosed herein relate to, for example, apparatus and methods for making electromagnetic resistivity measurements. More particularly, embodiments disclosed herein relate to a resistivity measuring apparatus and methods employing a modular resistivity sensor.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

Well logging, also known as borehole logging, is the practice of making a detailed record (a well log) of the geologic formations penetrated by a borehole. Resistivity logging is a method of well logging that works by characterizing the rock or sediment in a borehole by measuring its electrical resistivity. Resistivity is a fundamental material property which represents how strongly a material opposes the flow of electric current. Most rock materials are essentially insulators, while their enclosed fluids are conductors. Hydrocarbon fluids are an exception, because they are almost infinitely resistive. When a formation is porous and contains salty water, the overall resistivity will be low. When the formation contains hydrocarbons, or contains very low porosity, its resistivity will be high. High resistivity values may indicate a hydrocarbon bearing formation.

In one aspect, embodiments disclosed herein relate a modular resistivity sensor disposable in a drillstring having a drill bit on a distal end for drilling a wellbore in a formation, the sensor including a sensor body having a longitudinal axis radially offset from a longitudinal axis of the drillstring, one or more transmitting coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body, one or more receiving coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body, and a calibrating device configured to calibrate signals generated from the receiving coil antennas.

In other aspects, embodiments disclosed herein relate to a method of making resistivity measurements of a formation from a wellbore being drilled by a tool having a drill bit disposed on a distal end, the method including providing a modular resistivity sensor comprising at least one transmitting coil antenna, one or more receiving coil antennas, and a calibrating coil antenna located longitudinally between the receiving coil antennas, firing the at least one transmitting coil antenna for generating a current loop in the formation, thereby inducing a first set of independent voltage signals in the receiving coil antennas related to a parameter of the formation, firing the calibrating antenna at a desired frequency, thereby inducing a second set of independent voltage signals in the receiving coil antennas, and calibrating the first set of independent voltage signals relative to the second set of voltage signals.

In yet other aspects, embodiments disclosed herein relate to a method of making resistivity measurements of a formation from a wellbore being drilled by a tool having a drill bit disposed on a distal end, the method including providing a modular resistivity sensor comprising at least one transmitting coil antenna, one or more receiving coil antennas, and a calibrating signal generator, firing the at least one transmitting coil antenna for generating a current loop in the formation, thereby inducing independent voltage signals in the receiving coil antennas related to a parameter of the formation, generating a voltage signal at a desired frequency in the calibrating signal generator, transmitting the generated voltage signal to electronics coupled to the receiving antennas, and calibrating the independent voltage signals induced in the receiving coil antennas.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

FIG. **1** illustrates an embodiment of a modular resistivity sensor.

FIG. **2** illustrates an embodiment of a sensor body of the modular resistivity sensor depicted in FIG. **1**.

FIG. **3** illustrates an embodiment of a sensor cover of the modular resistivity sensor depicted in FIG. **1**.

FIG. **4** illustrates an embodiment of a modular resistivity sensor including a calibrating antenna.

FIG. **5** illustrates an embodiment of a modular resistivity sensor assembly within a tool body.

FIG. **6** illustrates a flowchart showing a method of using the modular resistivity sensor.

FIG. **7** illustrates a representative computer model showing azimuthal resolution by a modular resistivity sensor placed parallel to a formation bed.

FIG. **8** illustrates a graph showing the differences in the attenuation measurements (in dB) in the presence of a bed boundary separating a 1-ohmm bed from a 100-ohmm bed with the sensor in the 100-ohmm bed.

FIG. **9** illustrates an embodiment of a modular resistivity sensor combined with other sensors in a drillstring.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A downhole resistivity measuring tool suitable for use in any downhole environment is disclosed. A drill bit is secured to the lower end of the drillstring or drill tool body for drilling a rock formation. The measuring tool includes a modular resistivity measurement sensor. The modular resistivity sensor includes a sensor body with a longitudinal axis. At least part of the body may be made of non-conducting material such as rubber, PEEK, fiberglass, ceramic, or others. The sensor body provides no fluid conduit within for passage of drilling fluids (e.g., drilling mud). At least one transmitting coil antenna and at least one receiving coil antenna are disposed in/about the sensor body. The transmitting and receiving coil antennas each include one or multiple turns of wire wound about the sensor body. At least one coil antenna generates a magnetic moment in a direction parallel to the longitudinal axis of the sensor body. The receiving coil antenna may generate a magnetic moment in a direction parallel to or at an angle (e.g., orthogonal) with respect to the longitudinal axis of the sensor body. The sensor body may further include an electronics section for generating and receiving electromagnetic signals to and from the transmitting and receiving antennas. The electronics section is preferably contained in the sensor body, but it may also be contained at a separate location.

Resistivity measuring tools use an electric coil to generate an alternating current loop in the formation by induction (e.g., firing a transmitting coil). The alternating current loop, in turn, induces a voltage signal in a receiving coil located elsewhere in the tool. The voltage signal induced in the

receiving coil is related to a parameter of the formation. Multiple transmitting and receiving coils may be used to focus formation current loops both radially (depth of investigation) and axially (vertical resolution).

FIG. **1** illustrates an embodiment of a modular resistivity sensor **100**. The sensor **100** includes a sensor body **101** having a longitudinal axis **103**, and one or more coil antennas wound about the sensor body **101**. As shown, a transmitting coil antenna **102** and two receiving coil antennas **104** are wound about the sensor body **101**. Any number of coil antennas may be used. For example, although the exemplary sensor shown employs only one transmitting coil antenna, it is possible to use multiple transmitting coil antennas. For instance, a second transmitting coil antenna may be added to the sensor body on the other side of the receiving coil antenna array. The two transmitting coil antennas may be symmetrical or asymmetrical with respect to the receiving coil antennas. The two transmitting coil antennas may be energized independently or jointly. The receiving coil antennas **104** may be spaced by at least two inches, or at least three inches, or at least six inches, or at least ten inches, or greater. The transmitting coil antenna **102** may be spaced from the receiving coil antennas **104** by a few inches to a few feet, such as at least three inches, or at least ten inches, at least one foot, at least two feet, or at least three feet, or greater.

An electronics section **110** may be included in the sensor body **101** for transmitting or receiving electromagnetic energy to and from the coil antennas. The electronics section **110** may be powered internally (e.g., batteries) or externally by another tool sub. The electronics section **110** may be equipped with a micro controller and an optional memory device. The acquired data may be stored in the memory and/or transmitted to a remote location (e.g., a nearby measurement-while-drilling sub) for transmission to the surface.

FIG. **2** illustrates a perspective view of the sensor body **101** depicted in FIG. **1**. In one embodiment, the sensor body **101** may be made of steel or other metal. The sensor body **101** may be cylindrical, but also may be other shapes. The diameter of the sensor body **101** may be at least one-half inch, or at least one inch, or at least two inches, or at least four inches, or greater. Preferably, the sensor body diameter is between approximately one and two inches. Antenna grooves **105** may be formed in an outer surface around a circumference of the sensor body **101** for each coil antenna. The antenna grooves **105** may be any depth, although preferably around 0.25 inches, or at least 0.50 inches, or at least 0.75 inches. An insulation layer of any thickness may be deposited in the antenna grooves **105**, over which the coil antenna wire is wound. The electronics is housed in an electronics pocket, and the electronics section may be sealed within the pocket from ambient pressure by a pocket cover **107** equipped with O-rings. The pocket cover **107** is secured to the sensor body **101** by bolts, screws, rivets, or other fastening means (not shown). The communication wires from the coil antennas to the electronics section **110** may enter the electronics pocket through pressure-sealed feed-thrus (not shown). The feed-thrus are preferably placed near the respective coil antennas.

FIG. **3** illustrates a sensor sleeve **112** in the shape of a hollow tube into which the sensor body and coil antennas may be inserted for protection of the coil antenna wire. The sleeve **112** may be in the shape of a cylinder and may be made of non-conducting material (e.g., plastic or rubber) or conducting material (e.g., steel). For a steel tube, windows or slots **109** may be formed through an outer wall of the tube in locations where coil antennas reside so that electromagnetic energy can escape or enter the tube. For maximum transmission of electromagnetic energy through the tube, the slots may be substantially aligned along the direction of magnetic moments generated by respective coil antennas underneath. For example, for a coil antenna generating a magnetic moment parallel with a longitudinal axis of the sensor body **101**, the slots **109** may be substantially aligned parallel to the longitudinal direction of the sensor body.

Although the coil antenna grooves **105** and the electronics pocket **107** are shown to be deposited within the same sensor body **101**, in alternative embodiments, the sensor body may include two sub-bodies, one for the coil antennas and the other for the electronics section. The coil antenna sub-body may be made completely out of non-conducting material such as rubber, PEEK, fiberglass, or ceramic. In this case, the insulation layer in each antenna groove may or may not be used without affecting the transmission or reception of electromagnetic energy by each antenna. If needed, the two sub-bodies may be connected to each other by bolts, screws, or other fasteners to form a single sensor body.

FIG. **4** illustrates a further embodiment of a modular resistivity sensor **100**. The sensor **100** includes a sensor body **101** having a longitudinal axis **103**, and one or more coil antennas wound about the sensor body **101**. As shown, a transmitting coil antenna **102** and two receiving coil antennas **104** are wound about the sensor body **101**. The sensor **100** also includes a calibrating coil antenna **106** wound about the sensor body **101**. The calibrating coil antenna **106** is disposed between the two receiving coil antennas **104**. Preferably, the calibrating coil antenna **106** is equally spaced between the receiving antennas **104**, but may also be unequally spaced. Methods of using the calibrating antenna are described below.

FIG. **5** illustrates an embodiment of the modular resistivity sensor **100** assembled within a bottomhole assembly (BHA) or tool body **50**. The BHA **50** has a longitudinal axis **51**. The modular resistivity sensor **100** may be disposed near the outer surface of the tool body **50**. In one embodiment, a radially outermost surface of the modular resistivity sensor is at a distance from the longitudinal axis of the tool body substantially equal to or less than an outer diameter of the tool body. That is, no part of the modular resistivity sensor **100** protrudes or extends radially outward beyond the diameter of the tool body outer surface. Therefore, in the instance that the tool body or drillstring include any type of component at a radial distance beyond an outer surface of the tool body **50** (e.g., a stabilizer), the modular resistivity sensor is disposed on the tool body at a different location from the component (e.g., stabilizer), and not on the component. That is, the modular resistivity sensor is not disposed on a stabilizer, nor is it required to be. A sensor pocket **52** extending radially inward from the outer surface is formed in the tool body **50**. The sensor pocket **52** may be any shape and may be formed in a groove that is cut in the tool body **50**, or formed directly in the outer surface. For tool face reference, the modular resistivity sensor **100** may be aligned to a scribe line on the tool body surface (not shown). Wire ways may extend within the tool body **50** for power and/or signal communication between the modular resistivity sensor **100** and other electronics units within the tool body or drillstring.

A sensor cover **54** may be placed over the installed modular resistivity sensor **100** and attached to the tool body **50** to prevent the sensor **100** from being damaged during the drilling process. The sensor cover **54** may be made of abrasion-resistant steel, such as stellite, or other materials.

The sensor cover **54** further includes slots or windows **56** extending through an outer wall. For maximum transmission of electromagnetic energy across the sensor cover **54**, the slots **56** may be substantially aligned along the direction of magnetic moments generated by respective coil antennas underneath. For example, for a coil antenna generating a magnetic moment parallel with a longitudinal axis **51** of the tool body **50**, the slots **56** may be substantially aligned parallel to the longitudinal axis **51** of the tool body **50**. Further, the slots **56** may be filled with non-conducting material such as rubber, PEEK, fiberglass, or ceramic. In those instances when the modular resistivity sensor is housed within a tube (shown in FIG. **3**), preferably the tube slots **109** are substantially aligned with the sensor cover slots **56**.

Methods of using the modular resistivity sensor include measuring formation resistivity of a formation, making azimuthal resistivity measurements, and using the sensor with other sensors and downhole tools. Measuring formation resistivity includes applying or generating a sinusoidal electromagnetic wave of current to the transmitting coil antenna. The frequency of the sinusoidal wave may be between 100 kHz and 1 GHz. A voltage signal is measured independently from each receiving coil antenna, which may be expressed as V_1 and V_2, respectively. A voltage signal difference may be calculated from V_1 and V_2 as:

$$V=V_2-\alpha V_1 \quad \text{(Equation 1)}$$

where α is a scaling factor. The value of a may be chosen so that the voltage signal difference V becomes zero when the measurement is taken in air. Voltage is a complex quantity having both in-phase and out-of-phase components, both of which may contain information about the formation resistivity. For example, when using the in-phase component of V, $R_e(V)$ to derive an apparent formation resistivity, the following equation is used:

$$R_\alpha = k\frac{Re(V)}{t} \quad \text{(Equation 2)}$$

where k is a proportionality factor. A value of k may be chose using a numerical model. In the model, a tool body containing the resistivity sensor is placed in a wellbore centered about the axis of a wellbore. The formation is assumed to be uniform with a resistivity value of R_t and the mud resistivity is the same as R_t. The voltage signal difference V for a given driving current I applied to the transmitting coil antenna may be calculated. Finally, k may be calculated as:

$$k = R_t\frac{1}{Re(V)} \quad \text{(Equation 3)}$$

It is also possible to use the ratio of V_2 to V_1 to derive a parameter of the surrounding formation. This may be done by defining two new quantities, attenuation ("AT") and phase difference ("PD"), defined as:

$$AT = -20\log\left|\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right| \quad \text{(Equation 4)}$$

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$$PD = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right) \quad \text{(Equation 5)}$$

Surrounding medium (e.g., drilling mud) and free space may contribute to the AT and PD quantities, and preferably such contributions to the quantities are discarded by performing an "air hung" calibration. That is, both AT and PD quantities are measured with the sensor hung in air, away from any conductors that may interfere with the measurement. The air hung measurements are then subtracted from subsequent downhole measurements as follows:

$$AT^*=AT-AT^{air} \quad \text{(Equation 6)}$$

$$PD^*=PD-PD^{air} \quad \text{(Equation 7)}$$

The above discussion focuses on a single transmitting antenna. In case two transmitting antennas are used, average attenuation and phase difference measurements may be produced from the individual transmitting antennas. It has been well known that the average attenuation and/or phase difference measurement helps remove electronic noises and borehole effects on the measurement.

Apparent resistivities may be derived from both AT* and PD* using the following equations:

$$R_\alpha^{AT}=k^{AT}AT^* \quad \text{(Equation 8)}$$

$$R_\alpha^{PD}=k^{PD}PD^* \quad \text{(Equation 9)}$$

where k^{AT} and k^{PD} are proportionality factors. Methods of finding these factors are well known and will not be detailed here. For instance, they can found through numerical modeling.

Measurements taken as described above may be subject to errors, including those from electronics noises, thermal drifts in the electronics, and deformation and/or material properties changes of the antennas. Random errors may be removed or suppressed by time averaging. However, systematic errors, such as those from thermal drifts and antenna deformation, may not be reduced by time averaging. In this instance, compensating for systematic errors may include using a calibrating device, such as the calibrating antenna shown in FIG. **4**. A current is driven to the calibrating antenna at a desired frequency and the attenuation and phase difference between the receiving antennas is measured as follows:

$$AT^{Cal} = -20\log\left|\frac{V_2^{Cal}}{V_1}\right| \quad \text{(Equation 10)}$$

$$PD^{Cal} = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{V_2^{Cal}}{V_1^{Cal}}\right) \quad \text{(Equation 11)}$$

where the subscripts "1" and "2" have the same meaning as above. Next, the attenuation and phase difference measurements from equations (10) and (11) are subtracted from the air-calibrated measurements as follows:

$$AT^{**}=AT^*-AT^{Cal} \quad \text{(Equation 12)}$$

$$PD^{**}=PD^*-PD^{Cal} \quad \text{(Equation 13)}$$

Apparent formation resistivities may then be calculated from AT** and PD** as in equations (8) and (9).

FIG. **6** illustrates a flowchart showing a method of using the modular resistivity sensor in accordance with the above

description. The method includes firing a transmitting antenna (Step **602**), calculating attenuation and phase difference from induced voltage measured independently in receiving antennas (Step **604**), and calibrating the calculated attenuation and phase difference using air hung measurements (Step **606**). The method further includes firing a calibrating antenna located between receiving antennas (Step **608**), calculating attenuation and phase difference from induced voltage measured independently in receiving antennas while firing the calibrating antenna (Step **610**), and subtracting the calculated attenuation and phase difference from the previous air hung calibrated measurements (Step **612**). Finally, the method includes calculating apparent formation resistivity from attenuation and phase difference (Step **614**).

In other embodiments, a calibrating signal generator may be used. The signal generator generates a calibrating signal (e.g., voltage) at a desired frequency and feeds the signal to the electronics that take measurements from the two receiving antennas. The calibrating attenuation and phase difference are then calculated in the manner discussed above. In this case, the calibrating attenuation and phase difference may account for variations in the receiving electronics but not necessarily in the receiving antennas because the receiving antennas may be bypassed.

Methods of using the modular resistivity sensor also include making azimuthal resistivity measurements. A tool face sensor records the tool face angle as the tool body rotates and the modular resistivity sensor makes azimuthal measurements of formation resistivity. The tool face sensor may be a magnetometer, an accelerator, a gyro scope or other known tool face sensors. The resistivity measurements taken by the modular resistivity sensor may then be correlated with the tool face angle measurements to produce a resistivity image as a function of tool face and a function of wellbore depth.

FIG. **7** illustrates a computer model for azimuthal resolution of the side-mounted modular resistivity sensor placed parallel to a formation bed boundary. 'T' indicates the transmitting antenna and 'R**1**' and 'R**2**' indicate receiving antennas. Both attenuation and phase difference are measured between the two receiving antennas. The front side of the modular sensor is defined as one facing the bed boundary and the back side faces the opposite direction. Differences in the attenuation and/or phase difference measurements between the front and the back sides of the modular sensor indicates the azimuthal resolution. The larger the difference, the better azimuthal resolution the sensor provides.

FIG. **8** illustrates a graph showing the differences in the attenuation measurements (in dB) in the presence of a bed boundary separating a 1-ohmm bed from a 100-ohmm bed with the sensor in the 100-ohmm bed. In this example, a tool body having a diameter of five inches, a transmitting coil antenna spaced eight inches from a center of the receiving coil antennas, and receiving coil antennas spaced four inches apart was used. As shown, azimuthal resolution of the sensor improves with increasing frequency, and decreases as the distance to the bed boundary increases. Also, a front side of the sensor measures higher attenuation than the back side, which is expected because the front side faces the more conductive bed. Hence, by measuring the tool face angles corresponding to the front and the back sides, it is possible to determine the azimuthal direction of the bed boundary relative to the tool.

Azimuthal resistivity measurements may also be taken without tool body rotation. To do so, multiple modular resistivity sensors may be azimuthally-spaced about a circumference of the tool body. The modular sensors are spaced apart by known tool face angles. A representative choice of the azimuthal separation angle may be 90 degrees, or at least 30 degrees, or at least 45 degrees. The multiple modular sensors may be controlled by a micro-controller to take measurements independently.

FIG. **9** illustrates an embodiment of the modular resistivity sensor **100** combined with other sensors in a drillstring **10**. The exemplary embodiment shown may be used for resistivity measurement-while-drilling ("MWD"). The drillstring **10** includes a drill bit **15** on a distal end and a modular resistivity sensor **100** located behind the drill bit **15**. An MWD sub **35** including a tool face measurement sensor **40** is located behind the drill bit **15** spaced apart from the modular resistivity sensor by a mud motor **25** and/or other downhole tools (e.g., bent sub **20**, LWD tool string **30**). The modular resistivity sensor **100** may measure azimuthal resistivity of the formation while the tool rotates and the sensor **40** may measure tool face data. The azimuthal resistivity measurements are then transmitted (shown by dashed lines indicating communication) to the MWD sub **35** for further transmission to the surface. In other embodiments, azimuthal resistivity may be measured without a tool face sensor at the bit. To do so, the modular resistivity sensor **100** and the MWD sub **35** are first synchronized in time (e.g., at surface). Once downhole, the modular resistivity sensor **100** takes resistivity measurements while the MWD sub **35** measures tool face angles independently. The resistivity measurements with time stamps are transmitted through short-hop telemetry to the MWD sub **35** where the time stamps are converted to tool face stamps.

In another embodiment, a modular resistivity sensor is combined with another resistivity sensor (e.g., modular or non-modular) to make resistivity measurements. A modular resistivity sensor, having at least one transmitting antenna and/or at least one receiving antenna, is directly at or proximate to the drill bit. The second or additional resistivity sensor is located farther behind the drill bit than the modular resistivity sensor, and spaced apart from the modular resistivity sensor by other downhole components (e.g., a mud motor and a bent sub). The second resistivity sensor has at least one transmitting antenna and at least one receiving antenna. In operation, the transmitting antenna on the second resistivity sensor sends an electromagnetic signal to the surrounding formation which is detected by the receiving antenna in the modular resistivity sensor. The received signal may be processed locally by a processor at the bit or transmitted via short-hop telemetry to the second resistivity sensor for processing.

In making an azimuthal resistivity measurements, tool face angles may be measured with a sensor located either at the bit or near the second resistivity sensor. In case the portion of the BHA containing the second resistivity sensor does not rotate or does not rotate at the same speed as the modular resistivity sensor does, the tool face sensor may be located at or proximate to the drill bit or in any portion of the BHA that rotates at the same speed as the modular resistivity sensor does and the modular resistivity sensor has at least one transmitting and/or receiving antenna whose magnetic moment is generated in a direction not parallel to the longitudinal axis of the tool sub.

The claimed subject matter is not to be limited in scope by the specific embodiments described herein. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description. Such modifications are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A resistivity sensor comprising:

a sensor body having a longitudinal axis, wherein the sensor body is disposable in and separable from a tool body in a drillstring;

one or more transmitting coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body;

one or more receiving coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body;

a calibrating device configured to calibrate signals generated from the receiving coil antennas, and

an electronics section contained within the sensor body for generating and receiving signals to and from the transmitting and receiving coil antennas,

wherein the longitudinal axis of the sensor body is radially offset from a longitudinal axis of the tool body, and thereby when the tool body rotates, transmitting and receiving patterns from the coil antennas disposed along a length of the sensor body rotate with the tool body.

2. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein at least one coil antenna is configured to generate magnetic moments parallel with the longitudinal axis of the sensor body.

3. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein at least one coil antenna is configured to generate magnetic moments misaligned with the longitudinal axis of the sensor body.

4. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein the calibrating device comprises a signal generator configured to generate a voltage signal at a desired frequency.

5. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein the calibrating device comprises a coil antenna configured to generate a voltage signal at a desired frequency in the receiving coil antennas.

6. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein the calibrating device is substantially equally spaced between a pair of receiving antennas.

7. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein at least part of the sensor body comprises a non-conducting material.

8. The sensor of claim **1**, further comprising circumferential grooves in an outer surface of the sensor body, each groove having an insulating layer deposited therein on which at least one of the transmitting and receiving coil antennas are wound.

9. The sensor of claim **1**, further comprising a sensor cover that fits over the sensor body, wherein at least part of the sensor cover comprises a non-conducting material.

10. The sensor of claim **9**, wherein the sensor cover further comprises one or more slots aligned substantially along a direction of magnetic moments generated by respective coil antennas underneath.

11. The sensor of claim **1**, wherein a radially outermost surface of the resistivity sensor is at a distance from the longitudinal axis of the drillstring substantially equal to or less than an outer diameter of the drillstring.

12. The sensor of claim **1**, further comprising a tool face measurement sensor configured to measure the angular position of the drill string relative to the wellbore.

13. The sensor of claim **1**, further comprising multiple sensor bodies disposed in and separable from drillstring pockets, wherein electromagnetic signals are transmitted and received at multiple coil antennas on the multiple sensor bodies.

14. A method of making resistivity measurements of a formation from a wellbore being drilled by a tool having a drill bit disposed on a distal end, the method comprising:

providing a resistivity sensor disposed within and separable from a tool body and radially offset from a longitudinal axis of the tool body, the resistivity sensor comprising at least one transmitting coil antenna, one or more receiving coil antennas, a calibrating coil antenna located longitudinally between the receiving coil antennas, and an electronics section contained within a body of the resistivity sensor;

firing the at least one transmitting coil antenna for generating a current loop in the formation, thereby inducing a first set of independent voltage signals in the receiving coil antennas related to a parameter of the formation;

firing the calibrating antenna at a desired frequency, thereby inducing a second set of independent voltage signals in the receiving coil antennas; and

calibrating the first set of independent voltage signals relative to the second set of voltage signals.

15. The method of claim **14**, further comprising calibrating the first set of independent voltage signals relative to air hung measurements.

16. The method of claim **14**, further comprising firing the coil antennas within a frequency range of between 100 kHz and 1 GHz.

17. A method of making resistivity measurements of a formation from a wellbore being drilled by a tool having a drill bit disposed on a distal end, the method comprising:

providing a resistivity sensor disposed within and separable from a tool body and radially offset from a longitudinal axis of the tool body, the resistivity sensor comprising at least one transmitting coil antenna, one or more receiving coil antennas, a calibrating signal generator, and an electronics section contained within the resistivity sensor;

firing the at least one transmitting coil antenna for generating a current loop in the formation, thereby inducing independent voltage signals in the receiving coil antennas related to a parameter of the formation;

generating a voltage signal at a desired frequency in the calibrating signal generator;

transmitting the generated voltage signal to electronics coupled to the receiving antennas; and

calibrating the independent voltage signals induced in the receiving coil antennas.

18. The method of claim **17**, further comprising calibrating the independent voltage signals relative to air hung measurements.

19. The method of claim **17**, further comprising firing the coil antennas within a frequency range of between 100 kHz and 1 GHz.

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